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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) New case.	Date:	06/06/2014
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:	<u></u>	
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
Ex	O UNSUB; rold "Hal" Finney - Victim; tortion; : LA	
Synopsis: (U) Open and assign. Full Investigation Initiated: 06 Details:	/06/2014	
and a helicopter were dispatched	at team, hostage negotiators to the address that the man was called outside at gunpo occurred at the house and t ated from an unknown individ	, K9 units gave, int. The hat this ual. The ame

Title: (U) New case.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 06/06/2014

	The man pr	ovidedwith personal information about
herself	and her family	. The man then sent an e-mail demanding
the		
	Hal Finney, w	ho is terminally ill with ALS. Hal is one of the
early co.	llabor <u>ators of</u>	Bitcoin, a virtual currency. The Unsub is
demandin	g over	worth of Bitcoin (it's worth on 5/30/14).

It is requested that a new case be opened and assigned.

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Form Type: INSERT	Date:	06/11/2014
Title:(U) Transcript of call#1	. to Dispatch	
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB;	
	Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;	
	Extortion;	
	OO: LA	
Synopsis: (U) Transcript of c	all to SBSD dispatch re: murde	r of family
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the	e following items:	
1. (U) recording		
2. (U) transcript of recordir	ng	

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Date of entry	06/11/2014

The attac	hed reports from	the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department	
were provided	by Lt.	regarding the swatting incidents and	b 6
extortion Of		Also included in the reports are the two	b7C
e-mails that	received	from the subject.	

Investig	ation on	06/02/2014	at	Santa	Barbara,	California,	United	States	(In Per	son)
File #	9A-LA-	-4991169							Date drafted	06/11/2014
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Form Type: INSERT		Date:	06/13/2014
Title:(U) Fire Department call	transcript		
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB;		
	<pre>Harold "Hal" Finney - V Extortion;</pre>	ictim;	

Synopsis: (U) Transcript and recording of subject's call to the fire dept. on 5/30/14.

00: LA

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U) Recording of fire dept. call
- 2. (U) transcript of recording

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Form Type: EMAIL	Date:	06/20/2014	
Title:(U) RE: exception form			
Approved By: A/SSA			ь6 ь7с
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim		
	Extortion; OO: LA	,	

Synopsis: (U) RE: exception form

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	Date of entry	06/23/201
	was interviewed at he	
	Santa Barbara, California	
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interview, was	The interview	wing agent
were also introduced to	Harold Finney (Hal)	
	they did not participate	
interview or remain present in the room.		
identity of the interviewing Agents and	the nature of the interv	rew,
provided the following information:		
Hal. Was diagnosed W	ith Amyotrophic Lateral	Sclerosis
(ALS) in 2009. He is currently at the e		
to a hospital bed and dependent on life	_	
only communicate through his computer us		
that ability now too because he is losing		=
that ability now too because he is losin	g control of his eye mus	CT62•
		_
On 5/29/14, Hal,		were
ordered out of their house at gunpoint b	-	_
Sheriff's Department after someone had r		
at their home (it is known to the interv		_
were victims of "swatting"). The next mo	-	
mail messages on her home telephone from		
	D feature showed that the	
was calling from telephone number	The subject c	laimed
Soon after the voicemail messages were		
Department arrived at her house because	they received a call tha	t her hous
was on fire although nobody in the home	had called. The subject	called
again while the police were still a	t her house responding to	o the
report of fire in the home. talked	to the subject and he c	laimed tha
he was the one who sent the SWAT team an	d fire department to her	home. He
gation on $\frac{06/04/2014}{}$ at ${}$ Santa Barbara, Californ	nia, United States (In Perso	on)
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Form Type: INSERT		Date:	06/24/2014
Title:(U) transcript of UNSUB			
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney Extortion; OO: LA	- Victim;	
Synopsis: (U) Transcript of to and voicemail messages	-	ı UNSUB and	
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the 1. (U) UNSUB/ call 2. (U) Recording of SBSD/unsu 3. (U) Recording of voicemail	recording b call	SUB	



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Form Type: INSERT		Date:	06/24/2014
Title:(U) VM msg. 5/30/14			
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - V. Extortion; OO: LA	ictim;	

Synopsis: (U) Voicemail message from UNSUB left on 5/30/14 at 10:00PM

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) recording of 5/30/14 voicemail

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Form Type: INSERT	Date	≥: 06/26/2014
Title:(U) June 1, 2014 recordings	and transcript	
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
Ext	UNSUB; old "Hal" Finney - Victing ortion; LA	n;
Synopsis: (U) reports, recordings	and transcript of 6/1/1	4 incident
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the fol	lowing items:	
 (U) Recording of 6/1/14 call t (U) recordings between UNSUB a (U) sheriff's report 	-	

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Lead to Carl Juncton, MO	Date:	07/28/2014
cc:		
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:]	
Approved By: A/SSA		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Extortion; OO: LA	Victim;	
Synopsis: (U) Determine wi-fi security.		
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014		
Details:		
On 5/29/2014 at 11:25 am, the Santa Barbara Count Department (SBSD) received an emergency telephone cal distraught man who identified himself as	l from a	
The SBSD dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negon Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then can house and it was determined that someone had made a formatting and that nothing had happened at the residence.	e. Neig e placed lled out alse rep	hboring on of the ort
The residents of the home are Also at the home	during	Hal, this

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9-1-1 call taker. This	was provided to suspect. I obta	a me by SBSO D ined this recordir	ispatch. The seco ig with my audio n	nd audio track i	veen the suspect and the s a phone conversation side the victim's residenc	
(C)Narrative:						
On Sunday, 06-01-1 originating from SBF where he now clain	°D O	ely 1831 hours, i	was dispatched to	he reporting pa	for a call transfer ity was transferred to SB	ь6 SSO ^{b7C}
to recent "swatting" residence for a "che When I arrived I con annoying and haras their number or turn multiple doctors' offi While leaving the re recorder. I identified proceeded to ask make annoying and additional offense. I them alone. When the keep flexing on me I	reports at this reck the welfare" firmed there wasing phone calls off their telephoes. sidence the susmyself as "Deperif I could suck harassing phones auspect denter of I'm gonna here.	esidence these a of the true Hal Fil s no emergency. If from the uniden one because Hal pect telephoned uty " but r his cock. I then if e calls and I was nanded that the v ave the swat tear	nney and his famile According to tified suspect is terminally all an again. I spoke to the eceived no respondent the suspect of the suspect o	the pected to be find the pentioned to differ the constant of	ise, but responded to to great the great to the great they cannot char y communicate with	ve nge ect lo u the
request and I subset While at the Sheriff's is calling from some	equently termina s Station, I atter where other tha	ited the phone ca noted to callback in the west coast.	ll. bu. based on his stat	it it was not in si ement about tur	ervice. I believe the susp ning into Spiderman at e report at 1829 hours.	
(D)Disposition:						
Attn. Records: Foll	ow-Up Report, I	Forward to Detec	tives.			

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Title: (U) Lead to Carl Juncton, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014

incident was Hal Finney is in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and is bound to a hospital bed and on life support.	
On 5/30/2014 at 5:45am, received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said	
The caller said he would	
Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that The fire	
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The man	
The caller stated	
that When	

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Title: (U) Lead to Carl Juncton, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014
The caller then asked if the police were standing next to
her listening to their conversation
caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt
you're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that
The caller then sent an email while they were talking on
the phone which read,
The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten
more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.
The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the
first call to the Police Department when he reported that
contacts and swatting were causing such stress
Hal is one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only
the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories
on the internet are that Hal Finney is Satoshi Nakamoto but
denies that he is, although he has always worked in the cryptography
field. Hal was diagnosed with ALS in 2009 and can no longer move,
swallow, blink, communicate, eat, or breathe on his own.

Title: (U) Lead to Carl Juncton, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014

The caller used Skye to make his calls to the Police Department,
Fire Department and to the Finney's.
A Facebook.com page was identified for of
According to
it appears that he also lives at this address with
It is requested that the assigned agent proceed to
and determine if there is a
wireless network at the location and if it is a secure network. It is also requested that a physical description of the location be obtained
for a potential search warrant of the residence.
The following is a description of and the location:

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Results of Investigation at Carl Date: 08/07/203 Junction, Missouri	L 4
CC:	b6 b7C b7E
From: KANSAS CITY KC-07 Contact:	
Approved By: SSRA	
Drafted By:	
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim; Extortion; OO: LA	
Synopsis: (U) To Document Investigation at Missouri	ь6 ь7с
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014	
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U) Photo of 2. (U) Photo of 3. (U) Photo of 4. (U) Photo of	
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Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri	
determined a NETGEAR Secure WiFi network and a Sony Play Station 3	_
wireless system is present at the address.]

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Title: (U) Results of Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 08/07/2014

is registered to
A visual check of the residence confirmed three vehicles
registered at that address to a
Open source record checks reveal that the property is owned by
Missouri,
indicating the is a renting tenant at the property.
Records identified the residence to be
in Missouri.
A visual check confirmed the residence's location depicted on the
county recorder's
(U) The residence
in Missouri, that has
(U) were collected and placed into
the 1A section of the case file.

(U) Kansas City considers this lead covered.

Title: (U) Results of Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 08/07/2014

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Leads from			Date:	10/06/2014
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:				
Approved By: A/SSA				
Drafted By:				
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UN Harold Extort OO: LA	"Hal" Finney	- Victim;	
Synopsis: (U) Leads to conta Full Investigation Initiated:		_	tims.	
Details:				
On 5/29/2014 the Santa B received a telephone call fro as and said that		_	-	
hostage negotiators, Detective residence. Neighboring house area were placed on lockdown called out of the house and it false report (swatting) and the residents of the home	es, K9 us were eas a pret t was de chat noth	vacuated and caution. The termined that	licopter to two schools residents someone ha	the in the were then d made a
	Hal Finn	ey was in the	end stages	of

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Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and was bound to a hospital bed and on life support. Hal Finney subsequently died in August 2014. The next day received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said
who asked if she was and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages
The caller said he would
Thirty minutes
later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone
call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that
The fire
department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined
that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident.
While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man
called again and The man said
that
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The man knew that the Bitcoin
The caller stated that he knew the police were at her
nouse and listening to his call but he didn't care because he was
anonymous and lived in When said that
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denies that he was, although he always worked in the cryptography

field.

The caller used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's It is requested that lead

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Title: (U) Leads from		
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 10,	06/2014	

offices attempt to locate these other agencies called by the subject to determine if there are more victims or if any recording exists of the calls.

	Calls.
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It is requested that the LVMPD be contacted and a recording of the calls be obtained and any reports obtained if they were generated.

Title: (U) Leads from Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 10/06/2014

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) lead to contact Date: 10/06/2014
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:
Approved By: A/SSA
Drafted By:
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim; Extortion; OO: LA
Synopsis: (U) Interview
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014
Details:
On 5/29/2014 the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department(SBSD) received a telephone call from a distraught man who identified
himself as and said that
The SBSD dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.
The residents of the home were Hal,
Also at the home during this
incident Hal Finney, age 59, was in the end stages
of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and

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	59, 10/06/2014
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ubsequently die	ed in August 2014.
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	The caller said he would
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The caller then asked if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation and the	ь6 ь7с
caller replied,	
The caller then sent an email while they were talking on the phone which read, Hal,	
The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine. The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the	
The evening of 5/30/2014 Hal wanted to have his	
Hal was one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but denies that he was, although he always worked in the cryptography field.	ь6 ь7С
The caller used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. It is requested that lead offices attempt to locate these other agencies called by the subject to	ь3

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Re:	9A-	-LA-	499116	ŝ9,	10/06/20)14

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e-mail address	provided the following information to extort Bitcoin from him. After being advised of
	interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview,
provided the followi	
	-mail was hacked into and the hacker got access to
	n such as his passport number, information about his al Security Number. The hacker contacted by Skype
nessaging and demand	
	formation to ruin his life by selling it to fraudsters.
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	e links to the attached printed website articles
provided the	

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SITUATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Tradecraft Alert

LOS ANGELES Division

Approved for Release: 19 November 2014
SIR Number:
(U// FOUO) S watting Incident tied to Extortion Demanding Bitcoin
SOURCE: (U// FOUO) An officer of another law enforcement agency.
(U// FOUO) As of May 2014, according to a law enforcement source, a disabled resident of Santa Barbara County and his family (victims) were targeted for extortion demanding bitcoin ⁱ , an alternative currency, through the use of swatting.
(U// FOUO) The perpetrator (subject) obtained personal information about the victims, including medical condition, residential location, identity of family members, and financial investment information. The subject phoned in a false emergency call to a local law enforcement agency
stating the husband (referred to in the call by an unrelated first name but a correct last name) A SWAT team, hostage negotiators, detectives, K-9 units, and a helicopter were deployed to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two local schools were placed on lockdown as a precaution. It should be noted that at the time of the swatting incident, the husband was bound to a hospital bed on life support.
(U// FOUO) According to the same law enforcement source, prior to and subsequent to the incident, received multiple telephone calls presumed to be from the subject, many of which went to voicemail. In the messages, the male subject claimed responsibility for the swatting incident. The subject also made additional threats
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informational purposes but has not been fully evaluated, integrated with other information, interpreted or analyzed. Receiving agencies are requested not to take action based on this raw reporting without prior coordination with the FBI.
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Thirty minutes after the threat,
a local fire department received a call from the subject claiming to be the husband. The subject made a false report
This incident was resolved as another swatting incident.
(U// FOUO) Subsequent to the report of fire, the subject called again and demanded bitcoin currency or he would continue to harass the family. Specifically, the subject demanded
The subject
made reference to the husband's medical condition
(U// FOUO) The subject made the calls using Skype technology and used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first one when he reported
ⁱ (U) According to open-source information, the US Treasury has characterized bitcoin as a decentralized virtual currency. Bitcoin payments work peer-to-peer without a central repository or single administrator. The virtual currency allows users to conduct transactions globally.
(U) This report has been prepared by the LOS ANGELES Division of the FBL Comments and queries may

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	provided the following additi	onal information	
	mpt to extort Bitcoin from him. After b		_
-	ne interviewing Agent and the nature of	the interview,	_
rovided the follo	owing information:		
When was	contacted telephonically by an individua	l claiming to be a	
	purri, that was the only time he spoke t	_	
	garding the Bitcoin extortion demands an		
elephone did not	sound as if it was being disguised.		
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	Date of entry	11/19/2014
e-mail address pro	ovided the following info	rmation
regarding an attempt to extort Bitcoin	n from him. After being	advised of
the identity of the interviewing Agent	and the nature of the i	nterview,
provided the following information:		
On 8/26/14 was telephonical identifying himself as Officer	ly contacted by an indivi	dual
	advised them that someo	ne was
impersonating an officer from their de	epartment.	

Invest	tigation on	11/13/20	14 at	Ventura,	California,	United	States	(Email)	
File #	9A-LA-	-4991169						Date drafted	11/17/2014
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Electronic Communication

CC: LOS ANGELES	
Enom: IOS ANGELES	
From: LOS ANGELES LA-RV01 SSA Contact:	
Approved By: SSRA	
Drafted By:	
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim; Extortion; OO: LA	
Synopsis: (U) Tp document contact with an leads.	nd coverage of
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014	
<pre>Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U) Email 2. (U) PowerPoint</pre>	
Details:	
On October 15, 2014, SA received via expectation of a swatting call that was made to the Rivers Department (RPD) on June 5, 2014. For details of the call attached e-mail and PowerPoint presentation containing to The attached PowerPoint presentation was forwarded to the same date it was received from RPD. SA was the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSO) had not been about the same date in the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSO) had not been about the RIVERSIDE Sheriff's Department (RRSO) had not been about the RIVERSIDE Sheriff's Department	side Police all refer to the the recording. the case agent notified that

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possibly went through their dispatch. SA has provided additional details to assist RSO in locating the call.
On November 18, 2014, SA met with Refer to
the separate report of the interview offor details. In
summary was not willing to cooperate in the investigation at
this time but left the door open to cooperating in the future.

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	Date of entry $11/20/2014$
was inte	erviewed at his residence located at
door after being advised of stepped out front of the hor advised of the identity of interview, asked if credentials. When he was to he could be sure of the Age how the Agent came to find expressed doubt about the tothe Agent explained to and explained in detail the believed to be a victim of enterprise, remarks Enterprise in the country.	ent's identity. expressed concern about out where was living and he also ruthfulness of why the Agent was there. After how he could confirm the Agent's identity anature for the interview and that was an extortion by a criminal or criminal ad that the Agent works for the biggest Criminal
was advised that he Agent was there on an in be a victim. If did leave. continued s	the did not have to talk to the Agent and that exestigative lead because was believed to not want to talk or cooperate the Agent would epeaking and asking questions so the interviewing ask questions about the possible extortion.
	eming with answering any questions, but did seived an extortion demand on the date in
stigation on 11/18/2014 a	California, United States (In Person)
# 9A-LA-4991169	Date drafted 11/19/2014

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question and that he some of his own inverse fBI to stop the persector vet the interview recorded the call and Skype. Would provide that is saying only after he involved in the Bit	d having identified the ca referred to another person nformation in an e-mail lat had vetted the agent.	said he had done k in partnership with the lim, but that he would need lade references to having ll as having originated from lof interest but said he
interview. working for the FBI the people involved No notes were ta	or for those who were extor were very able and smart. ken during the interview, a then he pulled his notebook	f the interviewing Agent was ting him. said that

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) RSO	Date:	11/20/2014
cc:		
From: LOS ANGELES LA-RV01 SSA Contact:		
Approved By: SSRA		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim; Extortion; OO: LA	
Synopsis: (U) To document rec	ording provided by RSO.	
Full Investigation Initiated:	06/06/2014	
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the 1. (U) Email 2. (U) Recording	e following items:	
Details:		
recordings possibly associated	received via e-mai rerside Sheriff's Department (RS with a swatting incident calle e-mail with the attachment was	O) two d into RSO

Title: (U) RSO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 11/20/2014

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Dissemination of Information to Other Agencies

Title: (U) Attendance, liaison of SIR at the VCIU meet	, and dissemination Date: 12/04/2014 ing
cc:	
Approved By: IAM	
Drafted By:	
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;
800A-LA-A243509	Extortion; OO: LA (U) ANALYST ADMIN FILE LOS ANGELES
Full Investigation Initiated:	06/06/2014
Responsible Organization: LOS	S ANGELES
Agency Contacted: Ventura Cou In Person	unty Sheriff on 12/04/2014 via Meeting,
POC: Ventura County Distr Work: E-mail:	ict Attorney Investigator
Disseminated On: 12/04/2014 (0	Once)
Dissemination Details: (U) Wr	riter briefed and disseminated SIR
Method: Written	
Follow-up Required (SSTF): No	

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Title: (U) Attendance, liaison, and dissemination of SIR at the VCIU \cdot

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Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 12/04/2014

Disseminated Serials:

9A-LA-4991169 Serial 16

(U/FOUO) Swatting
Incident tied to
Extortion Demanding
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	Date of entry _	04/08/2015
On 3/20/2015, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Departm	nent (LVMPI	D) Sgt.
provided the writer two CD's and call repo	ort logs fo	or 6/1/2014
and $6/2/2014$. The CD and call report logs for $6/1/2014$	l appear to	b be
correct. The CD and call report logs for $6/2/2014$ do r	not appear	to be what
was requested. Both will be submitted via an FD-340.		
On 3/20/2015, the writer requested the correct call	for 6/2/20	014 again
from Sgt. As of 3/27/15, Sgt. had not	received	a status
update on the missing call.		

Investi	gation on	03/20/2015	at	Las	Vegas,	Nevada,	United	States	(In	Person)	
File #	9A-LA-	-4991169								Date drafted	04/03/2015
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Date of entry	04/13/2015

On $4/8/2015$, it was determined that $702-878-8272$ is the
number for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD)
South Central Area Command. If an emergency call came in on
this line and someone answered, the call would have been
forwarded to 911 line.

On 4/9/2015, LVMPD Sgt. _____ provided the writer one CD and a call report log for 6/2/2014. Both will be submitted via an FD-340. The call came in at approximately 9:47 hours.

Investigation on	04/08/2015	at	Las	Vegas,	Nevada,	United	States	(In	Person)	
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Attached is a transcript of 911 "swatting" calls they were recorded by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on June 1, 2014.

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File #	9A-LA-	-4991169						Date drafted	04/23/2015
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trop			a 911 call mad on 6/2/14 by a		
on on	04/23/2015	at Ventura, Cal	lifornia, United S	States (Mail)	

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Import Form

Form Type: OTHER		Date:	07/01/2015
Title: (U) Victim Notification	Letter		
Approved By:			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - V Extortion; OO: LA	ictim;	
Synopsis: (U) 90 day update re	egarding investigations	notice.	

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	Date of entry	07/06/2015	
The attached e-mail is from			b 3

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U)	Date	: 08/12/2015
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:		ь6 ь7с ь7 Е
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim Extortion; OO: LA	ı ;
Synopsis: (U) Facebook account	s identified	
Full Investigation Initiated:	06/06/2014	
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the 1. (U) 2. (U) 3. (U) 4. (U)	following items:	b6 b7С
Details:		
The following	were found for Desti	n Shryock"
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Title: (U) Re: 9A-LA-4	1991169 , 08/12/2015	

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Import Form

Form Type: OTHER		Date:	10/06/2015
Title:(U) Victim Notification	Letter		
Approved By:			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - V Extortion;	ictim;	
	OO: LA		

Synopsis: (U) 90 day update regarding investigations notice.

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Synopsis: (U) 90 day update regarding investigation notice.

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Form Type: OTHER		Date:	01/11/2016	
Title: (U) Victim Notification	Letter			
Approved By:				b6 b7С
Drafted By:				
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB;			
	Harold "Hal" Finney - V	ictim;		
	Extortion; OO: LA			

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	Date of entry $02/17/2016$	
Attached is an e-mail from	with a link to	b6 b7C
When received this link no longer worked a		Dic
advised in 2014 that this	was received sometime in	
2013 but that he never followed the link.		

Investig	gation on	06/09/2014	at	Ventura,	California,	United	States	(Email)	
File #	9A-LA-	-4991169						Date drafted	02/12/2016
by _									

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	Date of entry 02/17/2016	
The attached e-mail was forwarded from extortion that was initially received by	and contains the Hal Finney on 6/13/13	b6 b7C
at his e-mail address,		

Investigatio	on on	06/09/2	014 at	Santa	Barbara,	California,	United	States	(Email)	
File# 9A	A-LA-	4991169							Date drafted	02/12/2016
by										

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	Date of entry	02/1//2016	
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Attached are e-mails, some containing links,	from		20
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02/12/2016 at Santa Barbara, California, United States (Email) Investigation on 9A-LA-4991169 02/12/2016 Date drafted

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	Date of entry	02/18/2016
The attached e-mail was received from		b6 b7
on 6/19/13 regarding a telephone call she	received on her teleph	none number
from the subject's telepho	one number	on
5/30/13.		

Investi	gation on	06/19/2	013 at	Santa	Barbara,	California,	United	States	(Email)	
File #	9A-LA-	-4991169							Date drafted	02/18/2016
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.	Date:	03/28/2016
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:		
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 Harold "Hal" Finney - V Extortion; OO: LA	/ictim;	
Synopsis: (U) Lead to interview Destin Shryock		
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014		
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U) Missouri driver's license for Shyrock 2. (U) Missouri driver's license photo for Shryock 3. (U) vehicle registration 4. (U) Lexis Nexis for Charles Shryock 5. (U)		
Details:		
On 5/29/2014 at 11:25 am, the Santa Barbara County State (SBSO) received an emergency telephone call from a distinct identified himself as and said that	straught	man who
dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detect:	The SBS	
a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were		
two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a p		
residents were then called out of the house and it was		

Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016

someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence. b6 The residents of the home were Hal, b7C incident was Hal Finney was in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehriq's disease, and was bound to a hospital bed and on life support. The next morning received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said **b**6 b7C Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that he was in a The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and The man said The man that b6 b7C demanded The man knew that

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the caller replied,

itle: (U) Lead to interview subject. e: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016	
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The caller then askedif the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation the caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt	ь6 ь7
ou're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that	
The caller then sent an email while they were talking on the phone which read,	1
The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten nore days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.	I
The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that	
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Title: (U) Lead to interview subject. Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016 it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but denies that he was, although he has always worked in the cryptography field. Hal was diagnosed with ALS in 2009 and at the time of this incident he could no longer move, swallow, blink, communicate, eat, or breathe on his own. indicated that Hal died on August 28, 2014, less than 2 months after the calls began. The subject used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. Call detail records were obtained for Skype and it showed that the subject also called Police and Fire Departments all over the United States. bage was identified for Эf MO, where he listed that he is a According to it appears that he also lives at this address with his In August 2014, FBI KC went by the address and

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determined that the WIFI was secure and that the house was owned by

Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

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In October 2014, FBILA became aware that a	ь6 ь7С
who both denied making the swatting calls. They said that they were the only ones who used the computers in the house except for	ь6 ь7С
Destin Shryock seems to be the most likely suspect in this case. He was just recently identified as Charles Destine Shryock. According to	1
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Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

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Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016

The following is a description of Shryock:

Name: Charles Destine David Shryock

Race: White

Sex: Male

DOB: 8/24/94

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 185 lbs.

Address: 6011 County Lane 295, Carl Junction, MO

(according to vehicle registration) or

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1504 Byers Avenue, Joplin, MO

MO License: W202054008

Vehicle: 2000 Pontiac (white), HJ5P6K

Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016

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Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL		Date:	05/13/2016
Title:(U) Shyrock			
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - V: Extortion; OO: LA	ictim;	
Synopsis: (U) Shyrock			



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Import Form

Form Type: OTHER		Date:	06/08/2016	
Title:(U) Victim Notification	Letter			
Approved By:				b6 b7С
Drafted By:				
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - N	victim;		

 $\textbf{Synopsis:} \quad (\textbf{U}) \ \textbf{To provide an interim case update regarding this investigative matter.}$

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) To report on attemple lead	oted coverage of	Date:	06/14/2016
CC:			
From: KANSAS CITY KC-07 Contact:			
Approved By: SSRA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - N Extortion; OO: LA	7ictim;	

Synopsis: (U) To report on attempted coverage of lead.

Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014

Details:

Attempts to locate and interview Destin Shryock in Joplin, Missouri have met with negative results.

Based on surveillance activities, it would appear that Shryock is no longer living at 1504 Murphy Boulevard in Joplin, Missouri. Attempts to make contact with individuals at this residence met with negative results and it appears that the house is empty. Approximately one week ago, mail in Shryock's name was still being delivered to the residence. A request was submitted to the US Postal Service to obtain any change of address information that may have been provided.

Attempts to locate Shryock at a previously known residence have also

Title: (U) To report on attempted coverage of lead

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 06/14/2016

met negative results. Writer has traveled on several occasions to				
Carl Junction, Missouri where Shryock's				
Although it is apparent that people are in				
the residence when writer has visited, no individuals will come to the				
door to speak with writer. Attempts to contact Shryock's				
have <u>also failed</u> . A voice mail message identifies the				
number as Shryock's and writer has left messages but has				
not received a return call.				

It does not appear that Shryock is in custody based on no previous arrest appearing on his criminal history. Also, there have been no new utility services provided to Shryock by the city of Joplin.

As detailed above, writer has been unsuccessful in covering the two leads set by Los Angeles Division.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Locate and interview Shryock	ew Charles Destin Date: 07/14/2016			
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:				
Approved By: SSA				
Drafted By:				
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB;			
	Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;			
	Extortion; OO: LA			
Synopsis: (U) Interview suspe	ct			
Full Investigation Initiated:	06/06/2014			
Details:				
All new information is in be	old.			
	he Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office elephone call from a distraught man who			
identified himself as	and said that he			
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-	age negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and Neighboring houses were evacuated and			
two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The				
	of the house and it was determined that			
	t (swatting) and that nothing had			
happened at the residence.				
The residents of the home	were Hal,			

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Hal Finney was in the end stages of	b7C
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and was	
bound to a hospital bed and on life support.	
The next morning received a telephone call from a	
man who asked if she was and then he hung up. She immediately	
got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the	
messages the man said	
Thirty minutes	
later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone	
call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that he was in a	
department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined	b6
that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident.	b7C
While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man	
called again and The man said	
The man	
demanded	
The man knew that their Bitcoin were	
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the caller replied,	b 6
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The caller then asked if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation and she said that and the caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt you're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that
The caller then sent an email while they were talking on the phone which read,
The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.
The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that
did not engage the caller anymore because the contacts and swatting were causing such stress on Hal. The evening of 5/30/2014,
the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but denies that he was, although he has always worked in the cryptography field. Hal was diagnosed with

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S in 2009 and at the time of this inc	ident he could no longer move,
wallow, blink, communicate, eat, or br	eathe on his own.
	st 28, 2014, less than 2 months she believed the harassment he
ceived in June hastened his death.	sile believed the harassment he
The subject used Skype to make his	calls to the Police Department,
e Department and to the Finney's.	
In August 2014, FBT KC went by the	Carl Junction address and
In August 2014, FBI KC went by the	
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etermined that the WIFI was secure and	that the house was owned by
In October 2014, FBILA became aware	that the house was owned by
etermined that the WIFI was secure and	that the house was owned by that a Detective with the Del a similiar case and tracked his

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he swatting call he computers in	epartment go to the h s. They said that th the house except for	who both ney were the only o no more Finney in	interview denied making nes who used estin Shryock.	
Destin Shryock	seems to be the most	: likely suspect in	this case. He	
According to				
				

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subscribed to be X Tr A Google maps query s ested that a recorded n Shryock regarding h sidence. It is also	nows this to be a (for voice compa: is extortions and	. single family h rison) interview	ome.
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oe obtained. The fo gical interview.	requested that a deliberated llowing topics sho	consent search f	to

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The following is a description of Shryock:

Name: Charles Destine David Shryock

Race: White

Sex: Male

DOB: 8/24/94

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 185 lbs.

Possible Addresses: 6011 County Lane 295, Carl Junction, MO (where IP was registered, 6031 CL 295, Carl Junction (where his vehicle is registered), and 4266 Cedar Drive, Joplin, MO (where his phone is registered) or 1504 Byers Avenue, Joplin, MO, (where LPR shows his car parked until July 2015.

MO License: W202054008

Vehicle: 2000 Pontiac (white), HJ5P6K (tags

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expired in May 2016)

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08/03/2016 Date of entry CHARLES DESTIN SHRYOCK, date of birth (DOB) August 24, 1994, telephone number was interviewed at Junction, Missouri. Also present during the interview was After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, SHRYOCK provided the following information: SHRYOCK was asked if he was aware that writer had been trying to make contact with him and he responded that he was not. When told that writer had left a card on his door and had contacted family members requesting that he be notified of writer's request to speak with him, SHRYOCK stated that he had not found writer's card and had not been provided the information by family members. When asked why he failed to show up to a previously scheduled interview with another FBI Agent, SHRYOCK stated that he had overslept and missed the meeting. When asked if he knew why writer wanted to speak with him, SHRYOCK stated that he did not. Writer informed SHRYOCK that in May 2014 a family in the Los Angeles area had been the victim of "Swatting" and attempted extortion and writer was hoping that SHRYOCK could help with the investigation. SHRYOCK stated that he was aware that law enforcement officers had previously visited residence as a result of a "Swatting" incident. SHRYOCK believes that someone had informed law enforcement that there were bombs in SHRYOCK stated that in May 2014 he was living with in Carl Junction, Missouri. SHRYOCK believes that he was working at Wal-Mart at this time. During this time, SHRYOCK spent a lot of time "MODing". When asked what "MODing" was, SHRYOCK stated that it was on-line gaming. SHRYOCK spent a lot of time playing XBox360 on-line and also plaved games on the "7Sins" website. SHRYOCK stated that his also played XBox360 on-line and SHRYOCK would go to his When asked if he ever used his laptop and SHRYOCK stated that he did not know if he had a laptop at this time and that he may have accessed the internet through his phone. Investigation on 07/29/2016 at Carl Junction, Missouri, United States (In Person) File # 9A-LA-4991169

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had a computer at the residence but SHRYOCK did not have access to this	
computer. When asked what type of phone he had at this time, SHRYOCK	
stated that it was either an iPhone or a Blackberry and that the service	
provider was AT&T. SHRYOCK stated that would not give him their	
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WiFi password and would log onto the WiFi when	
SHRYOCK would connect to the internet with his XBox360. SHRYOCK stated	
that he was aware that many of the game players on the "7Sins" game site	
hacked computers and conducted "Swatting" attacks. When asked if he still	
had the computer that he previously accessed the "7Sins" game site with,	
SHRYOCK stated that he did not. SHRYOCK stated that he broke the laptop	
and got rid of it. When asked if he still had his XBox360 console that he	
previously used at stated that he believed he had	
sold the console. When asked who he sold the console to, SHRYOCK believes	
that he sold the console on Craig's List and does not recall who the	
purchaser was.	
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SHRYOCK was asked if he knew of anyone who played games using the name	
of SHRYOCK stated that he previously played	
XBox360 games with <u>a user who used</u> the name and did not	
recognize the name SHRYOCK stated that he knew that	
was involved in hacking computers and extorting people. SHRYOCK	
stated that he did not know real name or where he was located.	
SHRYOCK stated that he stopped playing games with	
became angry with him. When asked whybecame angry with him,	
SHRYOCK stated that he did not know. SHRYOCK stated that after he stopped	
playing games withbegan receiving threatening phone	
calls from <u>and during these</u> calls, stated that he was	
going to kill SHRYOCK SHRYOCK stated that he never gave	
his real name and does not know how obtained	
telephone number. <u>telepho</u> ne number at this time was	
At this time, stated that this	
information was correct and that this person would call her in the middle	
of the night making threats. stated that this activity	
continued for several weeks and then became sporadic.	
believes that the calls may have been originating from Florida. SHRYOCK	
stated that he believed that law enforcement came to house as	
a result of something had done.	
SHDVOCK was asked if he accessed Skyme from	
SHRYOCK was asked if he accessed Skype from	
his XBox360 console. SHRYOCK stated that he didn't believe you could	

access Skype through an older XBox360 console but that he had never done

laptop, SHRYOCK stated that he had not. When asked if he used

computer at her residence, SHRYOCK stated that he did not.

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When asked if he had a Paypal account, SHRYOCK stated that he did. SHRYOCK was asked if the e-mail address mobthedead19@gmail.com was associated to his PayPal account. SHRYOCK stated that it was. SHRYOCK was also asked if the e-mail address Destinn@live.com belonged to him and he stated that it did. When informed that records indicated that his PayPal account was established from a ip address that was used to make extortion calls via Skype to the victims in Los Angeles, SHRYOCK stated that he never made any extortion or Swatting calls and he believes that mav have used this ip address to place the Skype calls. When informed that ip address resolve to a unique address and could not be "spoofed", SHRYOCK suggested that | may have hacked into his gaming console while he was playing games on-line. When he was asked if he knew an individual by the name of SHRYOCK stated that he believed that may be When asked why he would have conducted a PayPal transaction SHRYOCK stated that on one occasion, with SHRYOCK to send him some \$1 via PayPal. When asked why he would need

When asked if he had established an on-line bitcoin wallet, SHRYOCK stated that he had established a wallet but that he had never used the wallet. When asked why he had established the wallet, SHRYOCK stated that bitcoins are frequently used by on-line gamers.

SHRYOCK to send him \$1, SHRYOCK did not know.

SHRYOCK was asked if he could recall the user name he would use while playing on-line games. SHRYOCK stated that he normally used the name "MOB". When asked if he had any other user names, SHRYOCK could not recall any. SHRYOCK stated that he no longer plays on-line games.

When asked if he knew an individuals by the name of HAL FINNEY or SHRYOCK stated that he did not. SHRYOCK was informed that these were the names of the victims of the Los Angeles Swatting attacks and extortion attempts. SHRYOCK was informed that the evidence gathered by the Los Ageles Division indicated that the extortion calls came from an ip address associated

internet from her residence. SHRYOCK stated that he was not a bad person and the he has never conducted a Swatting attack and had never attempted to extort anyone. SHRYOCK was asked if he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to clear him from any involvement in this crime. SHRYOCK stated that he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to clear his name. Writer informed SHRYOCK that this option would be discussed and that writer would contact him at a later date. SHRYOCK was

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asked if he would meet with writer at a later time if additional questions were developed and SHRYOCK stated that he would. SHRYOCK was provided writer's business card at the end of the interview.



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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Lead to conduct a polygraph	Date:	08/09/2016
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:		
Approved By: SSA		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Extortion; OO: LA	Victim;	
Synopsis: (U) Lead to conduct a polygraph of Charles	Destin	Shryock.
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014		
Details:		
Charles Destin Shryock was interviewed by FBI KC oregarding the 2014 swatting and extortion of Hal Finn in Santa Barbara, California. Shryock denied knowing being responsible for the swatting and extortion and on Shryock did admit to having a Bitcoi Paypal, and having the e-mail address of mobthedead19 Shryock consented to a polygraph examination at a fut requested that a polygraph exam be arranged and conduthe only suspect in this case. Shryock indicated that reached at	ey and of Hal instead n wallet egmail.c	Finney or blamed it , having com. The is Shryock,
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) To document cover	rage of lead.	Date:	09/06/2016	
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From: KANSAS CITY KC-07 Contact:				
Approved By: SSRA				
Drafted By:				
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finne Extortion; OO: LA	v - Victim;		
Synopsis: (U) To document c	overage of lead.			
Full Investigation Initiated	: 06/06/2014			
Details:				
On September 6, 2016, wri	advised that stated that	he is repres	senting nversation	ь6 ь7с
with Shryock, the FBI had requested that Seliminate him as a suspect informed writer that after described that he	n an extortion invest iscussing the situati	ph examinating igation. on with Shry	yock,	
advised that				

Title: (U) To document coverage of lead.

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would be	e provided	to	the Agent	condi	acting t	he	inves	stiga	ation.	

Due to Shryock's decision to not take a polygraph examination, the Kansas City Division considers this lead covered.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Obtain death certifi	icate	Date:	01/17/2017
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:			
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
[(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - ' Extortion; OO: LA	Victim;	
Synopsis: (U) Lead to obtain d	eath certificate		
Full Investigation Initiated:	06/06/2014		
Details:			

It is requested that a copy of the death certificate for the following subject be obtained so that this case can be closed.

Name: Charles Destine David Shryock

AKA: Charles David Shryock

Sex: Male

Race: White

DOB: 8/24/94

Title: (U) Obtain death certificate

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 01/17/2017

DOD: 11/18/16

Residence: Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri

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Electronic Communication

Title:	(U)	Email	regarding	death	of	Charles	Date:	01/18/201	. 7
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Shryock

From: LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:

Approved By: SSA

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) e-mail regarding subject's death

Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) e-mail

Details:

Attached is an e-mail from FBI KC regarding the death of the subject Charles Shryock.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Death certificate for Charles Destin Date: 01/20/2017 David Shryock
cc:
From: KANSAS CITY KC-24 Contact:
Approved By: SIA
Drafted By:
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim; Extortion; OO: LA
Synopsis: (U) Scanned copy of Missouri death certificate for Charles Destin David Shryock.
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014
<pre>Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U) Death Certificate</pre>
Details:
Supervisor, Missouri Department of Health (MDH), Bureau of Vital Statistics, 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, telephone number provided a copy of the Missouri Certification of Death, 124-16-034509, filed on 11/23/2016. This certificate recorded the death of Charles Destin David Shryock on
11/18/2016 in Jasper County, Missouri. The underlying cause of death was listed as accident, apparent drug overdose-unknown.

Title: (U) Death certificate for Charles Destin David Shryock

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The certificate is attached as an electronic 1A package.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Dispose of 1B1		Date:	01/25/2017
From: LOS ANGELES LA-VNRA (SSA Contact:			
Approved By: SSA			
Drafted By:			
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169	(U) UNSUB; Harold "Hal" Finney - V Extortion; OO: LA	ictim;	
Synopsis: (U) Disposition of	181		

Details:

It is requested that 1B1, described as a voicemail recording on a compact disk, be destroyed as a 1B item and converted to a 1A and returned to the writer to be put into the physical file.

Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014

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Title: (U) 1A for file for 1B1	Date:	02/14/2017
From: LOS ANGELES LA-EVID Contact:		
Approved By:		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169 (U) Charles Destine I Harold "Hal" Finney - Extortion; OO: LA		70ck ;
Synopsis: (U) Submitting 1A to case file.		
Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014		
Reference: 9A-LA-4991169 Serial 47		
<pre>Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U) (1) One original FD 1087 and FD 1004 for 1B: 47. (1) One CD (1B1)</pre>	1. (1) One	e EC for SN
Details:		
Document created to submit 1A to sentinel case file.		
(1) One original FD 1087 and FD 1004 for 1B1.		
(1) One EC for SN 47.		
(1) One CD (1B1)		

Title: (U) 1A for file for 1B1 Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 02/14/2017

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